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7 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

We have increased control measures at school

Following the recent Government COVID-19 announcement regarding the new variant Omicron, we have increased control measures in school, including staff and visitors wearing face coverings in communal areas. We have continued enhanced cleaning across the school since Lockdown 1.0, and maintained staggered breaks and lunches.

However, with infection rates rising in our local community, please continue to do your part to keep our school community safe and healthy. Please wear a mask if you need to enter the School Office and sanitise your hands on entry. Be vigilant, and continue to take safety precautions at pick-up and drop-offs in the playground. I encourage us all to maintain good hygiene and hand washing practices at home and when out in public.

We can help to keep each other safe

It remains important that we help to keep each other safe and look out for the symptoms of COVID. Children should not be sent to school if they show any of the main symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough; this means coughing a lot, for more than one hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste; this means not being able to smell or taste anything, or things smelling or tasting different to normal

Adults and children with symptoms or awaiting a PCR result must stay at home

If you or your child experience any of these symptoms and become unwell, please contact the NHS. If you need to carry out a lateral flow or PCR test, you can order them here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please do not send your child to school if you are awaiting the results of a PCR test. Your child should remain at home and only return to school if they have a negative result, or where they have previously tested positive and completed the required isolation period.

These routine measures, will help us to keep our school community safe, and ensure we can maximise the time available in classes for the remainder of the term.

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Sending pupils home

If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms at school, however mild, they will be sent home. They will be taken to a room to self-isolate until collected. **Please make sure that all your emergency contact details are up to date.**

Pupils should come to school as normal unless they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result

Individuals **DO NOT** have to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

In addition, please note that any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status or age, and will need to book a PCR test.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. I hope we can enjoy the rest of the school term and upcoming holiday season.

Yours faithfully

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